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SUBJ: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: STATEMENT ON LEBANESE  
RESOLUTION BY US DEL

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US STATEMENT ON LEBANESE STATEMENT.  
QTE THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT THIS EXTRAORDINARY ICAO  
ASSEMBLY HAS A CRUCIAL AND INDEPENDENT ROLE TO PLAY IN DEALING  
WITH ACTS OF AIR PIRACY. THAT RATIONALE LAY BEHIND  
THE INITIATIVE OF LEBANON IN REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF THE ITEM  
BEFORE US IN OUR AGENDA AND THE PROMPT AND UNANIMOUS DECISION  
OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO ACQUIESCE IN THIS REQUEST. IT HAS MOTIVATED  
THE SPEAKERS IN THIS DEBATE.

IN OUR JUDGMENT BOTH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ICAO COUNCIL  
RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE ACT  
OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE ON AUGUST 10. BOTH WERE AIMED PRI-  
MARILY AT PREVENTING A REPETITION OF THIS ACT BY RECORDING THE  
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DETERMINATION OF ALL STATES TO CONTROL TERRORISM AND BY WARNING

ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE WITH ONE OF THE BASIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FROM ANY QUARTER. BOTH RESOLUTION WERE SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY.

I COME NOW TO THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US. IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND OUR OWN ICAO COUNCIL. IT UNDERSCORES THE DETERMINATION OF ALL OF US TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PROBLEM OF AIR PIRACY AND CONSTITUTES A REPEATION OF THE PREVIOUS WARNINGS THAT SUCH ACTS CANNOT BE CONDONED.

AS OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE NOTED, THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT OF THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS TO WHICH I REFERRED, BUT IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH IT. IN POLITICAL TERMS, OF COURSE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS GOVERNING. I MUST ADD ALSO THAT THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE READ TO MEAN ANY COMMITMENT TO ANY KIND OF SPECIFIC MEASURES.

AS WE SEE IT, WE HERE IN ICAO CAN MAKE OUR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW, PREVENTION OF ANY FORM OF HIJACKING AND THE CONSEQUENT SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT WE WILL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.  
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. UNQTE.VOLPE

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